

REMARKS

Responsive to the election of species requirement set forth in the Official Action of February 23, 2004, Applicants hereby elect species 5 directed to the embodiment shown in Figure 7. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 18 are believed to read on the elected species.

Since species 1, 3, 7, 9 and 12 are also readable on independent claims 1 and 9, the allowance of claim 1 or claim 9 should include the claims that depend therefrom, not just the claims indicated as readable on the elected species.

Cancellation of claim 17 is believed to address the drawing objection noted in the Official Action.

Favorable action on the merits of claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 18 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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